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1. ON JANUARY 24, 1977, ASYG OZDAS CIRCILATED TO SCIENCE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM (ASG.SEA(77)026)
ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE. AS
DEPARTMENT IS AWARE (REFS), THE DISCUSSION OF THE TWENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY IS A KEY AGENDA ITEM.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

MY LETTER OF 12TH JANUARY, 1977(1) PROVIDED BACKGROUND
INFORMATION, RAISED CERTAIN QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE
COMMEMORATION OF OUR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, AND REQUESTED
COMMITTEE AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDING LIMITED AMOUNTS OF THE 1977
PROGRAMME PLANNING FUND FOR COMMISSIONED PAPERS, AND FOR
PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE PROGRAMME PRESENTATION
AND ANALYSIS.

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2. PARAGRAPH 3 OF THAT LETTER CONTAINED TENTATIVE
SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA
OF A 2 1/2-DAY ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE (SPRING 1978) CONCERNED
WITH THE INTERACTIONS OF 'SCIENCE' AND 'SOCIETY'. THE PREPARATROY
SUB-COMMITTEE (PROF. ALVES MARTINS, PROF. CERULUS, PROF. NEEL
AND SIR SAM EDWARDS) REVISED THIS PROPOSED LIST OF DISCUSSION
TOPICS AT ITS 21 JANUARY 1977 MEETING, AND HAS PREPARED A PLAN
FOR COMMISSIONING PAPERS AND FOR STRUCTURING THE 2 1/2-DAY
COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE
AT ITS 3-4 FEBRUARY MEETING.

3. THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE 2 1/2-DAY MEETING (ANNEX I) CONSISTS OF TWO FULL DAYS FOLLOWED BY A HALF-DAY CONCLUDING (MORNING) SESSION, IN WHICH THE FIRST PRESENTATION WOULD GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE ITSELF, AND OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES PAST AND FUTURE. THE SECOND PRESENTATION WOULD BE A SUMMARIZING SESSION COVERING THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE FIRST TWO DAYS ON THE INTERACTIONS OF 'SCIENCE' AND 'SOCIETY'. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS LAST HALF-DAY SESSION OCCUR WITH A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

4. THE PREPARATORY SUB-COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED THAT FIFTEEN PAPERS BE COMMISSIONED AS BACKGROUND FOR THE DISCUSSION ITEMS ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MEETING. THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THESE PAPERS ARE GIVEN AT ANNEX II. THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THIS LIST OF TOPICS AND TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE AUTHORS TO COMMISSIONED PAPERS.

ANNEX I TO ASG.SEA(77)026

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE
(2 1/2 DAYS- SPRING 1978)

INTERACTIONS OF SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

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FIRST DAY
MORNING
PRESENTATION I PHYSICAL RESOURCES (INCLUDING ENERGY)
PRESENTATION II HUMAN RESOURCES INCLUDING EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SKILLS)
AFTERNOON
PRESENTATION III IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON THE INDIVIDUAL
SECOND DAY
MORNING
PRESENTATION IV PANEL DISCUSSION ON PAST AND FUTURE
20 YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY
PRESENTATION V SCIENCE AND THE CULTURAL BACKGROUND
AFTERNOON
PRESENTATION VI IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON SOCIETY (POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, DEMOGRAPHY)
THIRD DAY
MORNING
PRESENTATION VII REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE PROGRAMME
PRESENTATION VII ROUNDUP OF FIRST TWO DAY'S DISCUSSIONS.

ANNEX II TO ASG.SEA(77)026

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONED PAPERS

1. PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY
 2. EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SKILLS
 3. IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON THE INDIVIDUAL - EMPLOYMENT
 4. IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON THE INDIVIDUAL - SOCIAL SERVICES
(MEDICAL, RECREATION, ETC.)
 5. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS - MATHEMATICS
 6. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS - ASTROPHYSICS
 7. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS - MATERIALS SCIENCES
 8. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS - ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
 9. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS - MACROMOLECULAR SCIENCES
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10. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS - WHOLE ORGANISM BIOLOGY
11. SCIENCE AND THE CULTURAL BACKGROUND
12. IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON SOCIETY - POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
13. IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON SOCIETY - DEMOGRAPHY
14. IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON SOCIETY - INFORMATIQUE (INFORMATION, COMPUTING, AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES)
15. IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON SOCIETY - ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES. END TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT U.S. DELEGATION TO SCIENCE
COMMITTEE MEETING BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS
PRESENTED ABOVE. STRAUSS-HUPE

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